

Maine State Planning Office

Student Winners Announced

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Maine Recycles Competition Announces Winners

The State Planning Office is pleased to announce the results of its film and radio competition. The contest was designed to create 30 - and 60- second television and radio spots to promote recycling. Students from 25 high schools and two colleges submitted over 80 videos and 3 radio ads.

Four students from Georges Valley High School share the first place prize of \$500 for their entry titled, *There's No Wrong Way to Recycle*. Second place (\$250) goes to George Murray of South Portland High School for *The Shortest Essay in the World*. Libby Donovan, a participant of the Blunt Youth Radio Project at WMPG and a student at South Portland High School, won \$100 for her radio ad about recycling paper. A complete list of finalists and honorable mentions can be found at www.mainerecycles.com

Prizes will be awarded as part of the celebration on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. All competition participants and their advisors are invited to attend this celebration showcasing the students' work which will coincide with the 15th Annual Recycling and Solid Waste Conference sponsored by the Maine Resource Recovery Association.

The State Planning Office (SPO) is delighted with the creativity of all the entries. "Students are the next generation of recyclers and we particularly wanted their voices to come through in these ads," said Martha Freeman, SPO Director. "Students- speaking- to- students is powerful," she said. The State Planning Office plans to air these ads this spring on public access television and radio. The effort is part of the state's new recycling education campaign aimed at getting more young people to recycle.

For more information, please go to www.mainerecycles.com